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December 29, 2008

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Re: Docket No. 2008-0274 – Proceeding to Investigate Implementing a Decoupling Mechanism for Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., and Maui Electric Company, Limited

Dear Mr. Matsuura:

By order issued on December 3, 2008, the Commission extended the deadline for the parties¹ to file a stipulated (or proposed) procedural order and a stipulated (or proposed) protective order, from December 8, 2008 to December 22, 2008.

By letter dated and filed on December 22, 2008, the HECO Companies requested an extension, until December 26, 2008, for the Parties to file a stipulated procedural order.² The HECO Companies represented that they distributed a draft procedural order for the Parties' review and comment, and that some of the Parties provided comments to the draft procedural schedule. The HECO Companies stated, however, that additional time was necessary for the Parties to hold a teleconference to discuss the proposed changes. According to the HECO Companies, the Consumer Advocate, LOL, HREA, HDA, First Wind, DBEDT, HSEA, and Blue Planet do not object to the extension request.

¹The parties to this docket are: Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, Limited (collectively, "HECO Companies"), the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"), an ex officio party pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") § 269-51 and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") § 6-61-62, Life of the Land ("LOL"), Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance ("HREA"), Haiku Design and Analysis ("HDA"), Hawaii Holdings, LLC, doing business as First Wind Hawaii ("First Wind"), the State of Hawaii, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism ("DBEDT"), Hawaii Solar Energy Association ("HSEA"), and Blue Planet Foundation ("Blue Planet") (collectively, "Parties").

²On December 22, 2008, the Parties filed a Stipulated Procedural Order in this docket.

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The Commission will treat the HECO Companies' December 22, 2008 letter as a motion for an extension of time ("Motion") under HAR §§ 6-61-23 and 6-61-41. HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1) allows the Commission to enlarge a period by which a required act must be completed upon a showing of good cause provided that a written request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed.³

After reviewing the entire record, the Commission grants the Motion and approves the HECO Companies' request for an extension of time to December 26, 2008, for the Parties to file a stipulated procedural order for this proceeding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kaiulani Shinsato at 586-2019.

Sincerely,



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³Motions that do not involve the final determination of a proceeding may be determined by the chairperson or commissioner. See HAR § 6-61-41(e).